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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market was seasonally starting to slow on hens and consumer sized toms. No trading reported. Offerings available for the limited buyer interest. Inquiry light to sometimes fair on 4-8 lb. breasts with increased interest noted for January through February, 2001 shipments. No trading reported for the adequate to instances burdensome offerings. Bulk meat trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey and on light volumes of white meat items. Some increased interest was noted on fresh tom breast meat for pre-holiday and January, 2001 shipments. Offerings mixed. No bulk parts trading reported.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow. Inquiry continued active to Mexico for delivery by year-end on frozen thigh meat, balance light to sometimes fair. Some discussion is being noted about the initial release of 2001 import volumes allowed by Mexico in relation to the volumes allowed under NAFTA.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-129

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	83-94
BREASTS 10-12#	140-143
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-83

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-72	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	65-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 NOVEMBER 2000.

Trading starting this week generally slow, however fairly good movement of tom breast meat and mechanically separated turkey taking place at steady to weak price levels. Demand light to moderate, mostly light for both parts and meats for domestic use. Inquiry for a large package of 4-8 lb. breasts for next year noted. Export demand and trading limited as most buyers shopping around and looking for the best deal.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	96.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	26.32	44
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	23.18	34
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	20.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	23.70	124
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	27.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	44.00	12
NECKS, TOM		F	22.31	104
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	152.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	153.00-154.00		153.71	280
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	71.00		71.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	120.00		120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	109.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	141.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	154.50		154.50	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	59.86	70
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.50-20.00		19.19	840
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	23.29	1,320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.33	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.50	312
TAILS		W	23.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	74.20	200

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.